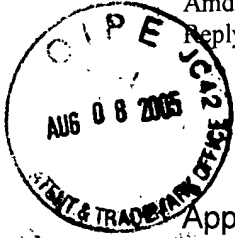


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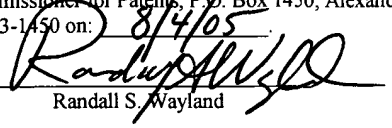
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed herein on May 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims – page 2 following;**

**Remarks/Arguments – page 5 following.**